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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**-- PATENT APPLICATION --**

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Applicant:	Bin Zhao	Docket No.:	97RSS433DIV	
Serial No.:	To Be Assigned	Atty. Ref. No.:	60944.1317	
Filed:	October 9, 2000	Group Art Unit:	To Be Assigned	
TITLE:	METHOD OF FABRICATING AN INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE EMPLOYING AIR GAPS BETWEEN METAL LINES AND BETWEEN METAL LAYERS		Examiner:	To Be Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box NEW PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application.

**In the Specification**

On page 2, please change the title of the application to:

METHOD OF FABRICATING AN INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE  
EMPLOYING AIR GAPS BETWEEN METAL LINES AND  
BETWEEN METAL LAYERS

On page 2, after the title of the application and before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph:

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